

## Submission – Monaro Rock Quarry Project - Personal and environmental impacts

To: NSW Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure / Monaro Rock Pty Ltd

Subject: personal concerns and environmental impacts – Monaro Rock Quarry Proposal

Dear Assessment Panel,

I am writing as a concerned community member regarding personal and environmental impacts of the proposed Monaro Rock Quarry.

- We moved to Royalla to enjoy the benefits of quiet, rural style living. The lack of industrial operations was a key consideration in our choice of location.
- The proposed area is zoned as environmental living and environmental reserve. We believed that this zoning would prevent this type of industrial operations, thereby providing protection for our community culture and values.
- We have personally planted over a 1,000 trees on our property, with thanks to our local Royalla Landcare group, to improve and preserve the local ecology. It is disappointing to know that a near neighbour is proposing to do the exact opposite and destroy this endangered ecology.
- The white box - yellow box - blakely's red gum - grassy woodlands ecology is specifically protected under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999. It is not clear why this proposal should be given any exemptions from this. It is exactly the reason this legislation is in place.
- In addition, there are a number of critically endangered, endangered, and vulnerable species protected by this Act which are identified as being within the local region wherein the proposed site is located. Some were identified in their limited survey. Mitigation actions for when these species appear on site and within close proximity should be required also.
- I suffer from respiratory conditions affecting my sinuses, throat, and lungs. I am concerned that, while the health risk overall is deemed low, to me personally they are high and may cause significant decrease and detriment to current function and lead to further impairment. This is causing me additional stress and concern, impacting my mental health.
- The negative impact on road safety on the Monaro Highway at the proposed new junction cannot be understated. From the southerly direction it will be approached blindly over a hill crest. It adds additional complexities to road traffic conditions and will cause accidents.
- I have outlined my concerns regarding the impacts of this proposal on swift parrots, hill-top behavior of butterflies, and water quality of Guises Creek in separate documents.

I urge decision-makers to consider whether the financial benefits of a few are worth the negative impacts to myself, to the Royalla community and to the critically endangered environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Refer:

1. [www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicshowcommunity.pl?id=43](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/publicshowcommunity.pl?id=43)
2. <https://www.dccew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/box-gum.pdf>
3. EPBC Act Protected Matters report for postcode 2620 - see attachment PMST\_M71HGC.pdf

Yours sincerely,  
Royalla Resident

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